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SUBJECT: AATUF LEADER REAFFIRMS HOSTILITY TO OAU TRADE

UNION UNITY PLAN

REF: CASABLANCA 199

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH LABOFF MARCH 18, MAHJOUB BEN SEDDIK, AATUF LEADER AND SEC GEN UNION MAROCAINE DU TRAVAIL (UMT), REAFFIRMED HIS HOSTILITY TO PROPOSED OAU TRADE UNION UNITY PLAN.

2. BEN SEDDIK CITED ROLE OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS IN PROPOSED
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ORGANIZATION AS MAJOR REASON HIS OPPOSITION OAU PLAN. HE SAID HE RECEIVED LETTER LAST WEEK FROM MAROCCAN MINISTER OF LABOR ASKING HIM COOPERATE WITH OAU. BEN SEDDIK CITED LETTER AS PROOF THAT OAU ORGANIZATION WOULD BE DOMINATED BY GOVERNMENTS AND SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT BE " GIVEN ORDERS BY MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT."

3. UMT DAILY NEWSPAPER REPORTS YAOUNDE CONFERENCE POSTPONED " SINE DIE." BEN SEDDIK DOUBTS IT WILL EVER BE HELD.

4. COMMENT: BEN SEDDIK' S OPPOSITION OAU PLAN APPEARS TOTAL AND IRREVOCABLE. HE CONFIDENTLY CLAIMS THAT NO PAN- AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY MOVEMENT CAN SUCCEED WITHOUT HIS SUPPORT AS LEADER OF ONE OF AFRICA' S LARGEST INDEPENDENT LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. HE IS PROBABLY CORRECT.
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